

Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2017 State of South Carolina

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four National Network trains through South Carolina:

- The *Crescent* (daily New York-Atlanta-New Orleans via Greenville)
- The *Palmetto* (daily New York-Savannah via Charleston)
- The Silver Meteor (daily New York-Miami via Charleston)
- The Silver Star (daily New York-Tampa-Miami via Columbia)

During FY17 Amtrak served the following South Carolina locations:

<u>City</u>	Boardings + Alightings
Camden	3,531
Charleston	66,759
<u>Clemson</u> *	0
<u>Columbia</u>	32,695
<u>Denmark</u>	3,604
Dillon	6,692
Florence	43,304
Greenville	14,135
Kingstree	11,187
<u>Spartanburg</u>	3,548
Yemassee	10,451
Total South Carolina Station Usage:	195,906

*Closed 5/23/16 for adjacent highway project; expected to reopen late 2017 (in Fiscal 2018).

Procurement

Amtrak spent \$17,990,091 on goods and services in FY17, much of it in:

City	<u>Amount</u>	
Cayce	\$ 2,039,175	
Darlington	\$ 3,348,044	

Duncan	\$ 5,989,237
Greenville	\$ 2,947,176

Employment

At the end of FY17, Amtrak employed 46 South Carolina residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in South Carolina were \$3,753,955 during FY17.

Stations

- <u>Charleston:</u> The Charleston Area Rapid Transit Authority (CARTA) has begun construction on a new intermodal facility, located next to the current station owned by CSX and used by Amtrak. It will house Amtrak, intercity and local bus service, and taxis. The project is being managed by the CARTA and is expected to be finished by the end of 2018. The existing station was built in 1956 by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and is now owned by CSX. It replaced the former Union Station in Charleston, which burned in 1947, and an earlier North (Charleston) Station.
- <u>Camden:</u> Amtrak invested \$2.48 million for ADA and state-of-good repair improvements in 2015 to restore the former Seaboard Air Line station, which was built in 1937. The Amtrak work included the station and canopy roofs, doors, windows, sidewalks, signage, waiting room, rest rooms, new exterior lighting, and resurfacing the parking lot. At the same time, the City resurfaced and street-scaped the driveway and installed new lighting leading to the parking lot. The station was rededicated on November 17, 2016.
- <u>Yemassee:</u> A British reality show filmed in the Town of Yemassee in 2011 resulted in a full cosmetic renovation of the former Atlantic Coast Line station, now owned by the Town and served by Amtrak. The Town completed a new ADA-compliant parking lot and sidewalks in summer 2014 and is now rebuilding the interior of the station, which was built around 1955.

